

Devotional for Each Day of the Week

Sunday: “Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be above all the earth.”—Psalm 57:11. **Praise God** for His mercy and His truth, and **pray** that others would do the same.

Monday: “Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas.”—Colossians 4:10a. **Pray** that the church would be willing to go to prison for Jesus’ sake. **Pray** for our brothers and sisters in persecuted lands, including China, North Korea, and Saudi Arabia, that they would remain faithful and would continue to be courageous.

Tuesday: “They have proved to be a comfort to me.”—Colossians 4:11c. **Pray** that you would be able to give comfort to fellow believers. **Pray** for Sparta (Ill.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, that it would be encouraged and preserved during this time that it is without a pastor.

Wednesday: “Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers.”—Colossians 4:12a. **Pray** that we would labor in prayer for one another. **Pray** for Sycamore Reformed Presbyterian Church, Kokomo, Indiana, including Pastor Shawn Anderson.

Thursday: “That you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.”—Colossians 4:12b. **Pray** that we would truly demonstrate perfectly and completely the will of God as revealed in the Bible. **Pray** for Terre Haute (Ind.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, including Pastor Bill Roberts, as the mission church seeks soon to be organized.

Friday: “For I bear him witness that he has a great zeal for you.”—Colossians 4:13a. **Pray** for we would be zealous for the kingdom of Christ. **Pray** for Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church, Prairie View, Illinois, pastored by Steve Rhoda, that it would be encouraged.

Saturday: “Now when this epistle is read among you, see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.”—Colossians 4:16. **Pray** that Christ would give you and your family and friends love for the Word of God. **Pray** for many to come to church tomorrow, and that they would be given the spiritual ears to hear Jesus Himself speaking through His Word.

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472-B Paines Avenue NW
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Sunday School at 4:45 PM
Worship at 5:30 PM

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Proclaiming the Kingship of Jesus Christ

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Leviticus 19:2

*The Invocation

*Psalm 106A

“O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord!”

Scripture Reading (p. 676)

Ephesians 4:17-32

Pastoral Prayer

*Psalm 5B

“O Jehovah, Hear My Words”

Scripture Text (pp. 650, 674)

Romans 6:1-14; Galatians 5:17

The Sermon

“The Struggle of Sanctification”

*Prayer

*Psalm 25C

“The Lord is Good and Just”

*Benediction

*Psalm 134B

“Bless the Lord, All Servants of the Lord”

** Congregation will please stand.*

We are so glad that you could join us today! This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers

“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.”—Psalm 42:1.

“But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.”—Psalm 115:3.

“I and my Father are one.”—John 10:30.

Q. 34. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God’s free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Galatians 5:17 “The Struggle of Sanctification”

Theme: Living the sanctified life involves spiritual struggle.

I. The Struggle Itself

A. our sins and lusts—the internal war

B. the temptations of Satan

C. the allurements of the world

D. the various battles are seen in Galatians 5:19-21

1. sexual sins

2. idolatry—false gods and witchcraft

3. sins of strife

4. sins of intemperance—drunkenness and revellings

II. The Encouragement in the Struggle

A. the very struggle shows that there is spiritual life

B. sanctification will end in victory, not defeat

1. God won’t fail, once He has begun His work in you

2. His promises: Romans 6:14; Phil. 1:6; I John 5:4

Application

A. be warned—Galatians 5:21; I Corinthians 6:9-11

B. be encouraged